

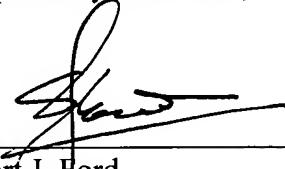
Remarks:

1. Claims 1 through 29 were originally presented in the instant application. In this paper, claims 1 through 29 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 30 through 76 have been added. Claims 30 through 76 are now pending.
2. Ministerial amendments have been made to Paragraphs 11, 26, and 156 to correct typographic or grammatical errors. No new matter has been added.
3. New claims 30 through 76 are fully supported by the specification and FIGURES as originally filed. For example, new independent claim 30 is supported by Paragraphs [0126] through [0135] of the original specification. New independent claim 45 is supported by Paragraphs [0126] through [0131]. New independent claim 55 is supported by Paragraphs [0134] and [0135] of the original specification. And new independent claim 66 is supported by Paragraphs [0151] through [0155].

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Applicant believes that in view of the foregoing remarks, pending claims 30 through 76 are allowable, and that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action Applicant earnestly solicits. Should the Examiner have any questions, or believe that a telephone interview may expedite the further examination of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,



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